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In re Application of :
Mayadunne, et al. :
Application No. 10/591,606 : DECISION
Filed/371(c) Date: 29 March, 2007 :
Attorney Docket No. 23292.0004U1 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182, filed on 9 January, 2008, to change the order of the names of the inventors.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The guidance in the Commentary at MPEP §605.04(f) provides, in pertinent part:

§605.04(f) Signature on Joint Applications - Order of Names [R-3]

The order of names of joint patentees in the heading of the patent is taken from the order in which the typewritten names appear in the original oath or declaration. Care should therefore be exercised in selecting the preferred order of the typewritten names of the joint inventors, before filing, as requests for subsequent shifting of the names would entail changing numerous records in the Office. Since the particular order in which the names appear is of no consequence insofar as the legal rights of the joint applicants are concerned, no changes will be made except when a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 is granted. The petition should be directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions. The petition to change the order of names must be signed by either the attorney or agent of record or all the applicants. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an application data sheet showing the new order of inventor names to ensure appropriate printing of the inventor names in any patent to issue. It is suggested that all typewritten and signed names appearing in the application papers should be in the same order as the typewritten names in the oath or declaration. (Emphasis supplied.)

The petition herein is signed by former/then-Counsel herein Eric Wright (Reg. No. 48,045), who seeks the following order of inventors: Mayadunne, Gunatillake and Adhikari.


At this writing Office records reflect that order of the named inventors—and a copy of the filing receipt (reflecting that information) mailed on 19 June, 2007, (a date prior to the filing of the petition) is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

Thus petition is **dismissed as moot**.

This application is released to Technology Center AU 1796 for further processing in due course.

While telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214, it is noted that all practice before the Office is in writing (see: 37 C.F.R. §1.2¹) and the proper authority for action on any matter in this regard are the statutes (35 U.S.C.), regulations (37 C.F.R.) and the commentary on policy (MPEP). Therefore, no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's action(s).



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Enc.: Filing receipt of 19 June, 2007

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is
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